

CO / INHALATION / HAZMAT

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Key Questions

Is patient alert?
Is patient breathing normally?
What is the source of the contamination?
Has the patient been removed from the area or source of contamination?
Is a CO Detector activated?
What is the name of the contaminating agent?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

Dispatch

Unconscious/not breathing normally.
Decreased level of consciousness.
Ingestion / inhalation household cleaners, antifreeze, solvents, methanol, cyanide, or insecticides.
Difficulty swallowing
Multiple Casualty Incident Criteria.

BLS DISPATCH

Chemicals on patient's skin or clothing, no critical symptoms.
Third party report, caller not with patient

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Pre-Arrival Instructions

Prevent self contamination.
Have patient remove contaminated clothing, if possible.
Remove contact lenses, if possible.
If chemical, get information on chemical (MSDS Sheet if available).
If chemical is powder, brush off, no water.
Flush chemicals from burns to eyes, remove contacts
Place burned area in cool water (not ice), if convenient.
If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL
Ask for information from MSDS
CO Detector, Get everyone out of the house
Consider Poison Control Center (1-800-764-7661, or one button transfer)
Dispatch Fire Department
Is HazMat team needed?

Short Report

Age
Sex
Specific location
Chief complaint
Pertinent related symptoms
Medical/Surgical history, if any
Other agencies responding
Any dangers to responding units